

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:
Peggy E. Hellberg

Serial No.: 10/694,309 (Conf. #3568)

Filed: October 27, 2003

For: HISTONE DEACETYLASE INHIBITORS
FOR TREATING DEGENERATIVE
DISEASES OF THE EYE

Group Art Unit: 1614

Examiner: Fay, Z.

Atty. Dkt. No.: 2395 US

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 4, 2008

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Official Action mailed September 4, 2008.

No fees are believed to be due with this Response. However, if any fees are due, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to withdraw any necessary fees that may be due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Alcon Deposit Account No. 010682.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Amendment to the Claims is on page 2 this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.